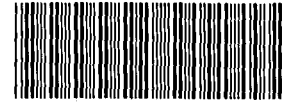


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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: EM-453 (H. Belencan, 903-8549)
SUBJECT: Closeout of the Solar Ponds Remediation Project Short-Term Corrective Action Plan
TO: J. Hartman, Rocky Flats Office

This is in response to the memorandum sent from Frazer Lockhart to EM-453 on April 16, 1993. The RF Environmental Restoration Division is commended for the effort, attention, and quality of work that has transpired on the Solar Ponds Remediation Project since the initiation of the short-term corrective action plan. The improvement has been notable. In particular, the success in the area of Solar Ponds project management should be established as the benchmark for similar actions within all areas of the RF environmental restoration program. Accordingly, the Office of Southwestern Area Programs concurs that all of the short-term corrective actions have been completed or have reached a sustaining management review status; therefore, the intent of the short-term corrective action plan has been met and can be considered closed.

It is imperative, however, that diligent management oversight on this project be maintained to ensure that those items which have reached the "sustaining management review status" are successfully carried out. While we are closing the short-term corrective action plan, we are by no means diluting our attention to this important remediation project. Rather, we are refocusing and must now integrate this program into the overall management of the environmental restoration program. This Office must be assured that the RF Office will do likewise. Much remains to be accomplished, not only in the solar ponds project, but in all of the restoration projects. High-level management involvement will be essential to get and keep these projects on target.

Additional concerns raised in your memorandum dated May 13, 1993, along with issues related to future management of Solar Ponds will be discussed at the DOE Management session during the next monthly meeting on June 16, 1993, at RF.


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